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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

A Notice Regarding Drawings was mailed on March 22, 2006 in the above-identified application, to which a response is due on or before May 22, 2006. In response, Applicant submits herewith six (6) sheets of formal drawings depicting Figs. 1-11 of the present application.

Fig. 8 of the present application was originally filed as a photograph. The formal drawings submitted herewith include a rendering of this photograph. An Amendment After Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 also is being filed herewith to correct the description of Fig. 8 in the specification of the present application. No new matter has been added.

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No fee is believed to be necessary for this submission. Should a fee be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2461 accordingly.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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